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Tributes for boy who died in quarry



TRIBUTES have been paid to a teenager who drowned in a disused quarry while on a school trip.

The family of 15-year-old Augusto Zacarias described him as their "pride and joy" after he died falling into swollen waters at the man-made hole pool at the back of the Crooked House pub in Himley. They said he was a promising footballer who hoped to play professionally.

Augusto was visiting family from Portugal with his parents, Paulina and Pedro, as well as his young brother, and had been in the country less than three weeks. He had only days ago celebrated his 15th birthday.

It is believed Augusto was staying with relatives in the High Arcal area of Sedgley and had gone to the quarry with his friends and cousin.

His mother and father spoke of their grief at losing their eldest child.

They said: "Augusto was our first child, who we loved with all our hearts. He was a loving son and older brother to Samuel. Augusto loved to play football and hoped to play professionally one day."

"He was a very sensible young man and had begun to make plans for the future."

Augusto's body was pulled from the water at about 8.30pm last Wednesday following a seven-hour search of the murky waters.

Pair in court over killing

TWO men have appeared in court charged with murdering a Sedgley man near his home - as hundreds of residents joined a campaign to get the alleyway in Springfield Grove where he was attacked closed for good.

Shyton Wishart, aged 19, of North Springfield, and James Cartwright, 18, of Sandyfields Road, both Sedgley, are accused of killing 23-year-old Shane Watson. The pair were remanded in custody to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Stab attack teenager loses appeal

A teenager who attacked a Stourbridge schoolgirl with a kitchen knife in front of her classmates has lost an appeal against his sentence.

Chloe West, aged 14, was stabbed 20 times by 18-year-old Samuel Gayzer-Tomlinson as she walked to school.

He was sentenced to 13 years in a young offenders institution after pleading guilty to attempted murder and unlawful wounding at Wolverhampton Crown Court last year.

Gayzer-Tomlinson, of Turl's Hill Road, Sedgley, challenged the sentence at the Court of Appeal yesterday but it was backed by three senior judges.

Mr Justice Langstaff told the court Gayzer-Tomlinson had struck up a friendship with Chloe after they met at a stable.

But when she lost interest, Gayzer-Tomlinson became angry and hatched a vicious plan for revenge, the court heard. He drove to Chloe's Ridgewood High School in Wollaston, Stourbridge, and jumped out of his car before repeatedly stabbing her in the face, chest, neck and arms.

Schoolboy, Ben Hudson, tried to stop the attack and was wounded, before teachers and staff pulled the teen away, the court heard. Ben, then 16, was

praised for his actions and nominated to carry the Olympic torch in Wolverhampton on June 30.

Chloe was airlifted to hospital and needed 48 stitches to her wounds.

Sarah Buckingham, for Gayzer-Tomlinson, claimed the sentencing judge took insufficient account of the stress the teen was under after Chloe spurned his advances ahead of his A-levels. She said if he had received mental health treatment, the stabbing might never have happened. But Mr Justice Langstaff, sitting with Lord Justice Davis and Mr Justice Burton ruled the sentence was correct.



Survivor - Chloe West

Body of cyclist is found at roadside

A CYCLIST from Kingswinford was found dead at the roadside by a passing driver.

Paul Lake, aged 45, had suffered serious injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police have said it is not clear how Mr Lake, who worked as an inspector for Wolverhampton Homes, was injured before he was discovered in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, on Sunday.

A passer-by spotted him lying at the roadside at about 5.40pm.

Darlaston-born Mr Lake was lying on a grass verge lined by trees on the Gornall-bound side of the road, between Pensnett Trading Estate and Tansey Green Road.

Police are now waiting for the results of a post mortem.

Friends today paid tribute. Tony Hassall, aged 66, of East Park, Wolverhampton, said he had worked with Mr Lake several years ago.

"I'm so upset - absolutely in bits. He was a lovely fellow, a real gentleman," he said.

"He will be terribly missed by everyone who knows him. He was a really good man."

Nearby residents and workers say the road would have been "deserted" as it is currently shut to through traffic for sewer works.

Anyone who saw what happened on or around Stallings Lane is urged to call police on 101.

TREASURER STOLE CHURCH MONEY

THE TREASURER of a church and religious charity is facing jail after he admitted defrauding them of more than £500,000 when he was in a position of trust.

Congregation feel betrayed

THE LEADER of the congregation whose funds were stripped of hundreds of thousands of pounds by Stephen Methuen says he abused the "naive trust" the church placed in him.

Church members were left shocked and saddened when it was revealed to them that Methuen, who showed no signs of living the high life, had swindled them out of money that they had donated or raised.

Methuen, a professional accountant, became a member of Amblecote Christian Centre in Stourbridge in 1993 and began to support it as a volunteer.

As leader, knew of his expertise in finances, he became volunteer treasurer in 1995 - a position he held until Senior Pastor Adrian Lowe uncovered irregularities in the church accounts in April 2009. Methuen, was taken to the police station by Mr Lowe. Methuen was then asked to resign.

"It's a very sad day," said Mr Lowe.

Methuen lived for a time with his wife Lynda in Whittington Road, Norton, Stourbridge.

Professional accountant Stephen Methuen did the accounts for both Amblecote Christian Centre, of which he was a member, and the Christian International Relief Mission, based in Stourbridge.

But, over a six-year period, he embezzled the evangelical church out of an estimated £400,000 and the charity of more than £100,000. Methuen, aged 57, of Smalman Close, Wordsley, admitted a total of 16 counts of fraud when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Six charges alleged that he falsified documents at Amblecote Christian Centre, based in Brettell Lane, to conceal payments being made to his personal and business accounts between 2003 and 2009.

Payments

A further six counts related to the falsification by him of documents for the Christian International Relief Mission, also between 2003 and 2009, to conceal payments to him.

He also admitted a further four charges relating to when, as treasurer of the Christian Centre, he cheated HM Revenue and Customs by filing gift aid repayment claims which overstated the total charitable donations between 2005 and 2009.

Sentencing was adjourned until September 10 for reports and Methuen was granted bail. Judge Michael Dudley warned him he would also face proceedings to recover money he pocketed.

Dig these Cabbage Patch dolls



Leah Tighe from Kingswinford, with the relaunched Cabbage Patch Kids

CABBAGE Patch Kids - the toys which became a global sensation in the 80s - are making a comeback.

The dolls have returned to shop shelves and are predicted to be one of this year's must-have Christmas gifts across the country.

They have been given a 21st century makeover to make them appeal to new generations of youngsters but their cute faces which made them so popular almost 30 years ago still remain.

They were one of the biggest toy crazes in history.

They caused parents to queue all through the night outside stores just to ensure they got their hands on one when they were first launched back in 1983.

Predicting

Toy experts are now predicting they will be top of children's Christmas wish lists again this year. Alan Caswell, who runs the Arcade Toyshop in Dudley, said he has already sold 30 since they were relaunched around three weeks ago. He will be taking delivery of further batches of the dolls in October and December.

The 14-inch high dolls each have a unique name and identity and come with an adoption certificate.

Road shuts for shop job

A ROAD in Stourbridge town centre will be shut as work on a new Tesco supermarket moves forward.

New Street will be closed from August 28. Vehicles can enter and exit the area via the new Bell Street junction.

The store, creating 320 jobs, and a shopping centre will be built on the land where the former Crown Centre once stood.

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Superbug incidents at hospital down by 60pc

THE NUMBER of cases of superbug c.diff reported at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has fallen by 60 per cent, new figures claim.

Bosses have bought two hydrogen peroxide vapour machines, also called fogging machines, to help reduce the spread of infections at a cost of £69,000.

Shop hours lengthened for Games

SUPERMARKETS and high street stores across the region are extending their Sunday opening hours to fit in around the Olympics.

Bosses want to give shoppers more flexibility to catch the "must-see" events throughout the London Games.

It comes after the Government chose to relax Sunday trading laws to boost trade during the Games.

Waitrose in The Ryemarke, Stourbridge, will be open from 9.30am until 5.30pm.

Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre is also among those extending its hours.

The centre introduced its longer opening hours on Sunday and shoppers can now visit between 10am and 6pm on Sundays until September 9.

NHS regulator Monitor has now downgraded the hospital trust's risk rating from amber-red to amber-green after a drop in cases.

The number has fallen from 38 in the first quarter of the 2011/12 financial year to 14 in the first quarter of 2012/13.

There have been no cases of deadly superbug MRSA in the year from June 2011 to June 2012.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "We are very pleased with the efforts of staff helping to protect our patients from infection, and that this is reflected in Monitor changing our rating from amber-red to amber-green."

"Helping us to reduce cases of infection in hospital has been the purchase of two hydrogen peroxide vapour machines."

The hospital had been given an amber-red rating by Monitor, the independent regulator of Foundation Trusts last year after 99 cases of C-diff were logged last year.

Richard in running for cover



Richard Edwards, from Stourbridge, is in the running to be a magazine cover model this coming Autumn

RICHARD Edwards from Stourbridge has been chosen by Men's Health as one of the five finalists of the Cover Model 2012 competition.

Every year the magazine challenges its readers to get into the shape of their lives with the winner going on the grace the iconic Men's Health cover.

The Cover Model 2012 competition, sponsored by Remington, requires as much character as physicality so Men's Health looks for outstanding individuals who are natural in front of the camera say organisers.

The winner will be a positive, down-to-earth guy whose physique is athletic yet perfectly attainable.

Entrants to the competition come from all walks of life and the final five differ in age, profession and personalities but they all share one ambition – to be in the best shape possible and to have a positive, healthy outlook to life.

The Cover Model 2012 competition winner will be announced at a special finalists' dinner hosted by Men's Health in London on September 3.

Delight of actors in TV debut

TWO YOUNG actors from a Stourbridge acting school are enjoying the attention after their debut in a TV show attracted millions of viewers and rave reviews.

More than three million people were gripped by Line of Duty, the tense tale of a top detective who gets drawn into a world of corruption.

The five-part drama, which finished last week, has pulled in some of BBC2's highest viewing figures of the past decade and is already tipped to win a host of awards.

Gregory Piper, aged 14 and Jordyn-Eve Davies-Greene, 12, have become the talk of their schools since the show started. They have even been stopped in the street by fans of the Birmingham-made show.

Jordyn-Eve of Whittington Road in Stourbridge, has regularly appeared as DCI Gates's daughter Natalie while Gregory, of Haden Close, Dudley, plays foul-mouthed Ryan Pilkington, a troubled youngster who gets caught up in the action.

The two both attend Drama workshop at Chawn Hill Church.

Sign of times

SUPERMARKET bosses have been granted permission to install new signs at a store in Stourbridge.

Tesco Express in Hagley Road had submitted proposals for new advertisement signs to Dudley Council.

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NEWS

Underground car park work begins



Preparatory work continues on the former Crown Centre site in Stourbridge ready for redevelopment

A MULTI-MILLION pound redevelopment scheme in Stourbridge town centre is well on track with work to dig out the site for a new underground car park now under way.

A new Tesco supermarket, creating 320 jobs, and shopping centre will be built on the land where the former Crown Centre once stood.

Work to demolish the complex, along with the old multi-storey car park, in Bell Street, was completed in May.

Skateboarders warned

SKATEBOARDERS using ramps at a town centre car park in Stourbridge to perform tricks are putting themselves and drivers at risk, say concerned residents.

Groups of teenagers are congregating at the main entrance and exit ramps to the Ryemarke car park at busy times during the afternoon and early evening. Calls have now been

made for Dudley Council to take action and deal with the problem amid fears someone will be hurt.

Residents say skateboarders are hurtling down ramps at the car park despite the high volume of vehicles using the site.

They fear one of the youngsters will hit by a vehicle or the skateboarders could collide with people walking on the ramps to reach their cars.

Similar problems with skateboarders affected the Bell Street car park for many years before its demolition in

March and were not resolved despite calls. And residents say the problem has now moved to the other multi-storey car park.

Stourbridge Township Council chairman Margaret Scott said youngsters were embarking on a "very dangerous practice".

"These young people are putting themselves and others at very serious risk," she said. "They gather at the entrance to the car park at the top of the main ramp and cannot be seen until cars are on top of them," she said.

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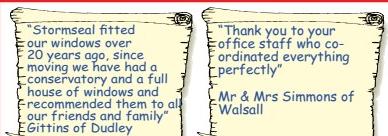
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Off-duty soldier locked up for sex attack on teen

A TEENAGER was sexually assaulted only yards from her home by an off-duty soldier, a court has heard.

Adam Smart forced the girl down on to a front garden, put his hand over her mouth, kissed and groped her, Stafford Crown Court heard.

The defendant eventually put his hand up her skirt and, against her will, committed an indecent assault.

When she was able to squeal out in terror, Smart got up and ran off, said Mr Paul Spratt, prosecuting.

Smart, aged 20, of Edge View Walk, Kinver, was sent to youth custody for 18 months after admitting a charge of sexual assault.

Naive

Mr Steven Bailey, defending, said his client, who was "young, naive and stupid", had been "fuddled in drink".

Judge Simon Tonkin cleared Smart of attempted rape, but told him: "It's accepted you were walking her home, but it wasn't long before you decided you would engage her in sexual activity."

"She made it abundantly clear to you she didn't want anything to do with it, but quite regardless of what she wanted you used some force to get her to the ground and put your hand over her mouth to keep her quiet. You knew perfectly well she didn't want this - she was trying to get you off."

Speeding man banned

A MAN drove at 53mph through a stretch of road where the limit had been dropped to just 20mph during the building of Stourbridge's new bus station, a court heard.

Thomas Doran, 25, of St John's Road, Halesowen, had been hurrying to football, said Gerry Vahey, defending. Doran, a plumber, admitted exceeding the temporary 20mph limit in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, on December 3 and magistrates banned him for 28 days and fined him £200.

A flutter at flying visit



Falconer Andy Plant with Peanut the owl with carer Hannah Steele and resident Marjorie Pimlott

VOLUNTEERS from the Falconry Centre in Hagley took a collection of birds to visit a care home.

A golden eagle, a barn owl and an American kestrel were among the birds of prey on the flying visit to Westley Court Care Home, in Cookley. Residents were able to get up close to their new feathered friends which also included a Harris hawk and a tawny owl.

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Troubled school showing determination say chiefs

Flagging up art skills



Gracie shows her eye-catching flag which beat off fierce opposition

AN EYE-CATCHING design created by a child has been chosen to become the official flag of the Black Country and will be flown during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Budding artists of all ages from across the region were challenged to develop a design for the flag and 11-year-old Gracie Sheppard's idea

took the top honour after attracting nearly 1,500 votes.

It features a chain running across a black, red and white background. The white section is in the shape of Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone. Gracie attends Redhill Primary School, in Stourbridge, said she was delighted her design had won.

A PRIMARY school has taken a big step towards getting out of special measures following a positive report from education watchdogs.

Blanford Mere Primary School in Kingswinford received a visit from Ofsted for the first time since a report was published judging the school to be inadequate.

In a new report, Roy Bowers said the headteacher and senior team had worked with 'energy and determination' to address issues raised.

The initial Ofsted inspection in February found the quality of teaching at the 244-pupil school to be not good enough in some areas, particularly in maths.

Understanding

It reported the work was not meeting pupils' needs, teachers were failing to check on pupils' understanding and management lacked severity.

However, following the visit at the start of July, Mr Bowers judged the school's progress, since entering special measures, as satisfactory.

In a report, he said: "The headteacher and senior team are working with energy and determination to address all of the issues from the previous inspection."

"The school now has an accurate view of its strengths and areas for development."

Heads in link-up

TWO headteachers from Stourbridge and Wyre Forest are among 17 visiting schools in Tanzania. The trip to the Diocese of Morogoro in the African country is part of the Global Schools Partnership.

The schools have chosen to link with Tanzania due to a partnership from 2010.

Ross Workman, headteacher at Oldswinford Primary School, Stourbridge will be joined by Karen Banford, head of Great Witley CE Primary near Kidderminster and teaching assistant Teresa Cole.

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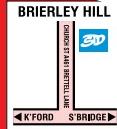
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The Brown Jug Inn, Willenhall, early 1900s



Dr Joseph Tonks (centre), family and friends 1885



Workers at their benches at the Josiah Parkes & Sons Lock Factory in Willenhall, about 1928-30

The meadows that became 'Humpshire'

WILLENHALL, between Walsall and Wolverhampton, was originally called 'Willenhall', Anglo-Saxon for 'the meadowland of Willan'.

First mentioned in the 700s, when King Ethelbald of Mercia signed a treaty there, William the Conqueror's Domesday Book (1086) records it as 'Willenhalo'.

In the Middle Ages, Willenhall was a small agricultural village with a chapel within the parish of Wolverhampton. But from 1840, Willenhall had its own parish church, St Giles, and the present day building dates from 1867.

Willenhall's population grew to around 300 by 1666, but in the 1700s it expanded dramatically with the Industrial Revolution. The now industrial town centred around Market Place and Stafford Street, comprising many tiny streets crammed with houses, workshops and pubs.

A thriving mining community grew up around Lane Head and Sandbeds, and

by Stuart Williams

Portobello became known for brickmaking. Coal mining was important in the Willenhall area early on but declined after the 1800s when the mines became flooded following a strike.

Willenhall became world-famous as a centre for lock making, which in Elizabethan times had begun developing in Willenhall, Wolverhampton and Bilston, and by the mid-1800s this trade was mainly centred in Willenhall.

In 1855 there were 340 local lock makers, working entirely by hand, mostly in small workshops.

Young apprentice lock fitters worked bent over developing hump backs, which gave Willenhall the nickname of 'Humpshire'. Noted Willenhall locksmiths included Yale & Towne, Josiah Parkes & Sons and John Harper & Co.

In 1849 poor housing and sanitation led to a cholera epidemic: 292 people died, shocking the town into improving conditions, and in 1854 Willenhall Local Board

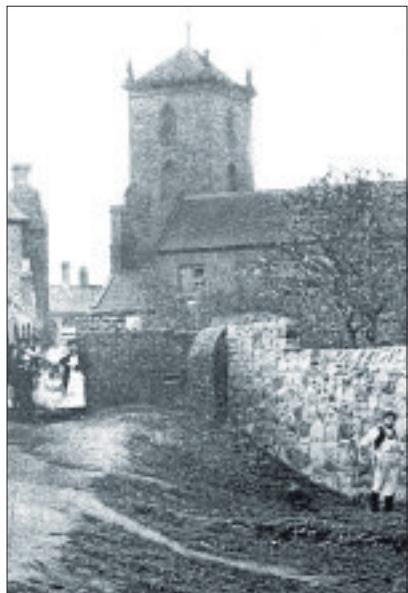
of Health, forerunner of Willenhall Urban District Council (1894), was formed.

Reflecting local civic pride, several municipal buildings were erected, including the Town Hall and Library in Clemson Street in 1866, and in 1922 a Memorial Park was opened, honouring those killed in the Great War.

Willenhall's best-known monument is however its ornate and imposing Memorial Clock in Market Place, commemorating Dr Tonks, a highly respected and revered Victorian physician.

Willenhall became part of Walsall borough 1966, but remains independent-minded with a strong identity and a great sense of heritage.

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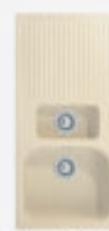
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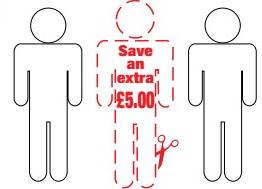
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Some things never really change

I ALWAYS look forward to Carl Chinn's walks down memory lane in the E&S and read July 26 offering with the usual relish.

Some things apparently never change. Professor Chinn explained why he was the better off in bygone days were often reluctant to help the impoverished because they were convinced that poverty was a result of idleness rather than social structure, economic factors and so on.

The same could be said today but there is a crucial difference. By and large, despite their misgivings, the wealthy were either swayed by a faith

which proclaimed their misery instincts were in fact wrong or else they were persuaded by a growing and ever more powerful Labour movement that it was change or perish, run a fair business and treat your staff with respect or don't run a business at all.

Today we have come full circle. Many of the well-to-do have persuaded themselves there is no "higher authority" to answer to and the Labour movement has probably less power than it did 100 years ago.

Those miserly instincts are not only popular but regarded as positively virtuous in some circles including most of

the written media and most of HM Government front bench.

The way out of poverty we are told is to ensure the impoverished have less and therefore must work. In reality of course it is quicker, easier and far more rewarding to respond to things like benefit cuts by getting into petty crime, drug dealing, prostitution.

If work is to pay then cut benefits don't raise wages seems to be the message.

It is a flawed message.
E SHAW
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Dudley

Report all who drive while on mobiles

JUST a word to the person who nearly mowed down my daughter on Gospel End Road, Sedgley, last week, whilst walking her dog.

She was on the footpath at the time, and that is exactly where he ended up. Because he was texting! He was shocked to find himself on the pavement instead of on the road, and my daughter was left too shaken to get his registration number.

I hope you are reading this, and it will prick your conscience, but I doubt it, along with all the other ever-increasing number of law breakers who persist on using mobiles while driving.

Have they forgotten it is illegal? Not to mention dangerous. Can I urge the public to report anyone they see doing this whilst driving.

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Government going back on its issues

ED MILIBAND'S June 22 speech on immigration continues to stir debate, much of it dragging in the separate issue of racism. Race was a factor in the 1960s and 70's debates about immigration.

Now, thanks to the EU policy of the free movement of labour, immigration is largely white people from Eastern Europe moving here, competing for low-paid jobs. Employers back this because an increase in labour supply cuts its price.

Last year, 589,000 people came to Britain, the vast majority from the EU. Mr Miliband said, "Britain must control its borders." Fine – but he then said, "we cannot set the numbers coming in from the rest of the EU."

The EU stops us having any control over immigration from the EU.

WILL PODMORE
London

His government should be well aware of the problems these groups face in life. So what do they do? They target those people first. The proposed closure of 54 'Remploy' factories is despicable to say the least. Expecting the disabled to find employment elsewhere, where does the government expect them to find work suited to their disabilities, when the jobs they are quite capable of doing, all under one roof, are taken away from them?

He says in his speech: "He knows how much help genuinely disabled people need". Looks like it when he takes the bread and butter out of their mouths. Then we have the "elderly and frail". This government knows no bounds in targeting those who are elderly and frail and those who are disabled while looking after the bankers and the 'filthy rich'.

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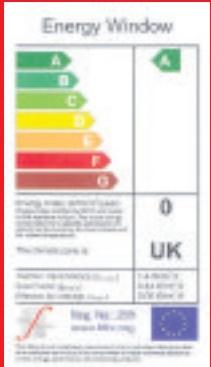
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Members of the Rubicon Skateboard School taught around 80 children new skills at a training session.

The village has its own skate park paid for through grants and funding

from the National Lottery and Playbuilder Fund. Instructors were on hand to showcase a variety of moves on skateboards, bikes and scooters during the day.

The day was organised by Kinver Action group which also put through the funding application to have the skate park.

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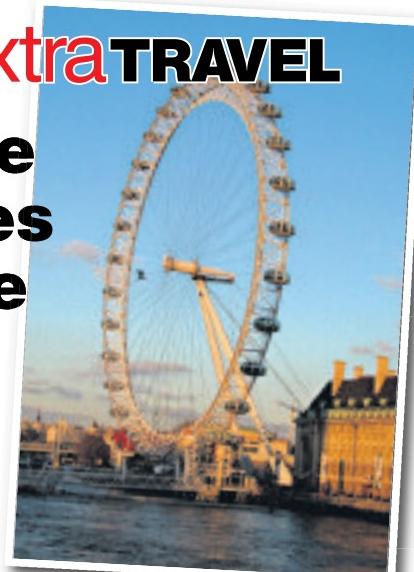
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Driving ban for birthday father

A SALES manager for Sky was caught drink-driving when he went to get more food for his child's first birthday party, a court heard.

Stephen Perry, aged 39, of Mayfair, Stourbridge, admitted driving with 67 microgrammes alcohol in 100ml of breath - the limit is 35 microgrammes - in Wollescote Road on July 7.

He had a previous drink-drive ban in 2005 and Dudley magistrates disqualified him for three years for the latest offence, fined him £400 and ordered him to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, defending, said Perry may lose his job.

He explained Perry had drunk only two glasses of wine but had nothing to eat. Mr Aslam added: "He holds his head in shame to his partner and children."

Town charity collectors to face new crackdown on operations

CHARITY collectors in Dudley face a crackdown on when and where they can work in an attempt to stop them pestering shoppers, it was revealed today.

The so-called "chuggers" or "charity muggers" line the streets in towns across the borough and in particular Dudley Market Place.

Dudley Council ruled last year that they should carry a licence but they insist the law does not apply to them as they do not collect cash.

The Public Fundraising Regulatory Authority

today offered to hold talks with the council to reach a voluntary agreement similar to Wolverhampton, where collectors are limited to certain streets.

Council bosses insist a review by Lord Hodgson has shown that tighter controls are needed and that the chuggers should be licensed.

The report, published last week, recommended greater powers for councils to curb aggressive collectors. Dudley Council will now look at the recommendations before deciding whether to enforce stricter working times.

PFRA spokeswoman Catharine Pusey agreed

that Lord Hodgson said there was a need to restrict or regulate fundraising and that the group was already in talks with 19 councils.

"We would welcome the authority with open arms if they wanted to speak to us and come up with an agreement," she added.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, Dudley's cabinet member for human resources, law and governance, said: "Lord Hodgson has recommended councils be able to license fundraisers and control where and how collections take place.

"We will carefully consider the recommendations."

New members sought for club

A GROUP that organises social activities to encourage people in north Worcestershire to meet, have fun and make new friends is on the hunt for new members.

The Live Wyre club, which has been going for 18 years holds weekly pub nights, dances, skittle games, theatre visits, day trips and walks in North Worcestershire and the Black Country. While it used to have more than 250 members, now it has dropped to 98.

A reunion is being held on September 15 for all members, ex-members and their friends. It starts at 7pm at Kidderminster. Tickets are £5 and £3.50. Regular events include a rock 'n' roll night on Wednesdays at Quarry Bank Labour Club, and a fortnightly jive tea dance at Lickey End Social Club in Bromsgrove.

For details contact Sandra Davies on 01299 400979 or visit www.livewyre.org.uk

Floating artworks



Glass artist Laura McKinley finishing her work

Glittering horses, mirrored spheres and giant tripods will be seen floating on a lake at a Midlands beauty spot at an art exhibition with a difference.

And for the first time, organisers are staging the floating glass sculpture exhibition at Bodenham Arboretum in Wolverley, near Kidderminster, from August 1 to 27 as part of this year's International Festival of Glass.

The festival will be held at venues around Stourbridge from August 24 to 27 and will attract thousands of visitors from across the globe.

This year's event will celebrate 400 years of glassmaking in Stourbridge.

Artists chosen to display work on the 22ft deep lake were at the beauty spot last week to put their pieces in place on the lake. They included glass artist Laura McKinley and Stourbridge artist Keith Brocklehurst and students from Stourbridge's Glasshouse College, based at the Ruskin Glass Centre, in Ambleside.

Mr Brocklehurst has created a circle of mirrored orbs called Titania's Ring.

Other artists displaying works include Charlotte Hughes-Martin, an artist at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone and Simon Eccles, who is a glass technician at Wolverhampton University.

The exhibition will be open from 11am to 5pm.

Appeal granted over rejection of mosque

MUSLIM leaders have been granted an appeal against the High Court's decision to throw out plans for a new mosque - meaning the long-running dispute is heading back to the courtroom.

It comes just weeks after council chiefs in Dudley thought they had reached a conclusion to the seven-year wrangle.

The proposals for a mosque on land in Hall Street were rejected at a hearing in April, meaning the plot of land, which Dudley Muslim Association has owned since 2005, must now be sold back to the council.

It had argued the land should have been developed by a 2008 deadline.

Council bosses managed to get many of the group's arguments for stopping the buy-back plan thrown out by

judges at a court hearing in November.

But the association submitted an amended defence, which was rejected.

Association chairman Dr Kurshid Ahmed today confirmed the dispute will go back before the High Court after officials gave them the go-ahead to appeal. They had already submitted an application and were waiting for a decision.

He said: "We do not know what timescale yet - it depends on when it is processed and the court lists it. But the appeal has been granted."

Dr Ahmed has previously said he would talk to the council about potential alternative sites. But he insisted the Muslim Association had not had the opportunity to put across its full arguments during the case.

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Revamp for Chicago's



The plush inside of the new Chicago's bar in Stourbridge well as booths and a dancefloor. Jobs are also being created in the move.

Work began at the end of last month and bar manager James Whittingham said everything was on track.

"We're hoping to open in the middle of September," he said. "It's a new style of Chicago's and will be different to all of the others," he added.

Fitter's £500k deal

A KINGSWINFORD shop fitting business has won a £500,000 contract from Ralph Lauren to re-fit its concessions in top stores around the UK.

A team from Enigma Shopfitting has also completed work on a temporary Lauren shop for the duration of the Olympics at the Royal College of Art in Kensington.

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Work nears completion on £1.3m power boat

Zoo chair lift on way



A £1.3MILLION power boat being built in Dudley for an ambitious round-the-world record attempt is just weeks from completion.

With the structure and cabins almost finished, the team of craftsmen will soon be laying down decking and installing two 500 horsepower engines.

The boat, called Accomplish More, is being put together in a former metalworks warehouse at Micklewrights, in the Thorngate Trading Estate.

Project leader Alan Priddy said: "The excitement is building within us all after every day as we step closer to getting the boat ready for the challenge."

"We've been flat out working over the past month in a bid to get on the water as soon as possible. The race is really on."

The boat will be big enough to carry 12 people. It will be kitted out with bunk beds, a lounge with sofas, showers and washing facilities. There will also be a communications hub and a control room.

Volunteers

Mr Priddy said: "The work we have done so far is fantastic, it is finally taking shape."

The boat has been built mostly by volunteer electricians, fabricators and engineers. But more help is needed.

Mr Priddy says he needs a bricklayer to help take down one side of the warehouse so the boat can be moved out.

He has also offered places on the boat for the challenge to break the existing 61-day record. He said: "Any help we can get from the community would be good. I've got eight crew members, but could do with more, so if anyone is interested, let me know."

Mr Priddy hopes to have the 90ft long and 16ft wide boat and crew ready for the challenge on November 4.

But first he wants to take the boat on a practice 4,000 mile return voyage from England to Canada. Anyone who wants to help or volunteer to join the crew, can call Mr Priddy on 07802 237125.

The historic chairlift at Dudley Zoo and Castle which is being refurbished should be ready in a few weeks after delays

WORK to restore Dudley Zoo's iconic chairlift is reaching its final stages – with visitors able to ride it within weeks.

The frame of the towering structure is now taking shape and the project will eventually bring the lift back into use for the public for the first time in 12 years. Refurbish-

ment of the lift started in May and was originally expected to be completed by the end of July – but it is now set to open around the third week of August following delays.

The lift is being painted its original cream colour following the removal of 16 layers of paint, and a roof has been built.

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Children can join hunt for wildlife

CHILDREN can stroll along wildlife trails at the Clent Hills.

Activities including pond dipping are available every Tuesday during the summer holidays. The trails cost £1 per child and run from 10am until 3pm.

Families do not need to book and can just drop in at the National Trust stand at Nimmings Wood car park. Ranger Bob Ayres said: "The activities are a great way for families to explore the outdoors together, get their hands dirty and have fun with nature."

Walk waterways to help hospice

MORE than 180 walkers have signed up for the third Waterways Walk in Worcestershire on August 19 is in aid of St Richard's Hospice, Worcester.

Last year, 300 walkers took part and raised more than £29,000 through sponsorship and donations. Event organisers hope the walk will prove just as popular this year.

Walkers have the choice of a 21-mile circular route or a shorter 10-mile option. Call 01905 763963.

Raffle's £500 aid

MORE than £500 has been raised for Kemp Hospice, Kidderminster by a raffle run by TWS Hospice community fundraiser Ele Millward said: "We are really grateful to the whole of the TWS team."

Museum search for pictures

A COMPETITION is being held to find photographs to display at the new Kidderminster Museum of Carpet when it opens in October.

The winning entries will be exhibited at museum, which is being built at the former Stourvale Mill, Green Street.

The competition, run by Kidderminster Camera Club, is themed around the town's heritage.

There is no age limit and the photo must be printed on A4 paper. Prizes of £100, £50 and £25 are on offer.

Entries for the contest should be sent to the Museum of Carpet Photo Competition, 5 Fulmer Crescent, Kidderminster, DY10 4HL. The closing date is September 1.

Visit www.carpetmuseum.co.uk for an entry form.

Charity day for homeless

A CHARITY day held at a business in Hartlebury, near Kidderminster, raised £6,000 for Maggs Day Centre, Worcester.

CP Foods, which is on Hartlebury Trading Estate, staged a 1km fun run, falconry displays, Ferrari driving experience and a barbecue on July 17.

The money will go towards a £24,000 project to build a shower block and renovate the centre which supports homeless and isolated people.

Public asked to help shape council tax discount scheme

WYRE Forest District Council has launched a consultation exercise about options for council tax discounts for April 2013 onwards.

The present system of council tax benefit is being replaced, and the council is seeking views about its local scheme of discounts to help working age people pay their council tax.

by Tim Spiers

council tax benefit, reduce spending on other services, or increase council tax."

The options include the creation of a hardship fund that would allow the council to consider help for anyone disadvantaged by any reduction in support they receive.

Councillor Desmond said: "We are asking for comments on the options that should be used to shape the scheme. The options we've outlined are based on the following principles: Every household with working age claimants should pay something; the scheme should incentivise people into work; people with greater savings receive less support; protection through a hardship fund to those who are least able to pay; and the scheme will be in support of the council's priorities of an increased supply of good quality, affordable homes."

People can see the options and a questionnaire on the council website. Responses can also be emailed to counciltaxconsultation@wyreforestdc.gov.uk.

Reduction

"But the funding from Government is being reduced by 10 per cent in April 2013."

This means a reduction of £850,000 for Wyre Forest, of which £110,000 has to be found by Wyre Forest District Council, with the rest to be found by Worcestershire County Council, the police authority and the fire service.

Councillor Desmond said: "Councils are having to look at whether to pass this reduction on to people of working age who receive



Jo Beacham, who has launched More Tea Vicar, with the Rev Simon Harry, from Bewdley Baptist Church Picture: Melanie Martin Photography

Well, my old china, is it time for tea?

AN entrepreneur hopes to turn her thirst for fine china into profits after starting up her own business.

Bone china collector Jo Beacham, from Bewdley, has launched More Tea Vicar, which hires out vintage bone china for special occasions.

The 250-piece collection, which includes intricate 1940s-tiered cake stands and rare tea sets, has been built up by Ms Beacham since the 1980s.

The 41-year-old hopes to capture the imagination of Wyre Forest's event managers and people organising a special celebration.

"I have been passionate about collecting unique pieces of fine china since I was a little girl and some of my fondest memories are of my grandmother's cherished tea sets," she said. "I felt I could turn them into a credible business." Interest is already high, despite More Tea Vicar being just a few weeks old and the recession.

"In many ways the recession has brought back a real sense of nostalgia across the country so I am very hopeful the business will do well," she added.

"With it being a diamond jubilee and Olympic year I think people are positive about everything that's British."

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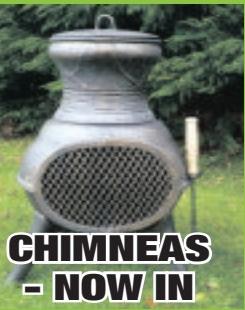


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Gran's legacy used in battle on cancer



Living legacy – Jane Rymer and daughter Sarah Wall

A GRANDMOTHER left £50,000 in her will to Cancer Research UK to help combat the disease that struck three generations of her family. Margaret Wall, who was successfully treated for ovarian cancer in 2001, died aged 85 seven years later.

Her daughter Jane Rymer, who lives in Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, and granddaughter Sarah Wall also suffered from breast cancer.

Now years later, both have survived and presented the generous legacy to the charity during a tour of the Birmingham Cancer Research UK Centre.

It will be used exclusively to fund the charity's breast cancer research across the UK.

Proud

Mrs Rymer, who promotes houses for parties and corporate events, said: "I'm so proud of my mother and the legacy she has left."

The then 54-year-old was

diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer in 2003 after making a chance comment about a dimple to a doctor. Mrs Rymer, mother-of-two, had undergone surgery to remove a lump, then four months of chemotherapy and three weeks of radiotherapy when Margaret died.

Margaret's granddaughter, Sarah, 35, from Edgbaston, was also diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007 at the age of 30. She underwent



Margaret Wall

surgery three times during four-and-a-half years but is now back at work.

Mrs Rymer, of Hackman's Gate, near Belbroughton, added: "The lives of those who have cancer and their families are deeply affected and while Sarah and I have beaten the disease it's important to recognise that not everyone survives."

"It's our hope that mum's legacy will help Cancer Research UK beat the disease for everyone."

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Wall Heath Bridal Business Goes From Strength to Strength

An ambitious mother of three from Wall Heath who had a successful 20 year career as first a nurse and then a midwife, has seen her new business venture reach new heights over the last 4 months.

Natalie Neale set up her business, Brides Revisited, back in 2010 combining her midwife career with running a business and being a full time Mum! Brides Revisited specialises in pre-owned designer wedding and prom dresses as well as also catering for Mothers of the Bride outfits. After initially running the business on a part time basis, in March this year Natalie decided to take the plunge and leave her successful midwife career to concentrate on the bridal business full time.

The first step was to find suitable premises which were found at 13, Enville Road, Wall Heath giving Natalie a prime location in the town and enable Brides Revisited to be the first business in the area offering pre-owned wedding dresses. Natalie said "It was fairly daunting leaving an established career to set up a full time business but I was enjoying it so much on a part time basis and the response had been so good that I knew it would be worth it. The support from the community and other local businesses has been fantastic and it makes it all worthwhile when you see brides to be try on a dress for their special day."



Emma Marsh joins Natasha to model one of the new Bridesmaid dresses available to be sold. If you are looking to purchase a dress prices start at £100 and all sizes are catered for up to size 30. A full seamstress service is on offer and the dress is cleaned thoroughly for you before you purchase it.

As well as wedding dresses prom dresses are also available and a sign of Natalie's growing reputation was evident in a recent visit from a celebrity. Actress and model, Amanda Edwards, star of TV series TOWIE found out about Brides Revisited from a photographer at a wedding fayre and brought one of the dresses she wore in the show to shop. Natalie said "We were over the moon when Amanda visited us and had no hesitation in putting her dress in our shop window, with all proceeds from any sale going to charity."



The charity aspect is something very close to Natalie's heart and on September 6th she will be doing a charity sky dive in Nottingham in aid of the Air Ambulance. There are other events planned with Natalie eager to get other businesses in the area involved with her charity work. In return she helps promote new businesses in the shop by stocking their leaflets or business cards, all connected to the wedding industry. This gives customers the opportunity to not only buy their dress but also plan their whole wedding in practically one visit!

So if you are looking for a cost effective way of purchasing your wedding dress then why not pay Brides Revisited a visit and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere as you try on as many dresses as you like. Bring your bridesmaids and Mum as well as brand new bridesmaids dresses can be ordered and mothers of the bride pre-owned are also now available.

Brides Revisited will also be appearing at a Wedding Fayre at The Kingfisher Hotel in Wall Heath on the 9th September. Natalie would love to see you there! The business also has its own facebook page and twitter account so you can keep up to date with stock and all things happening at the business through social media.



Natasha Tomlinson models one of Natalie's designer dresses worth £2000 new and now available for £600

NEWS

Kewford Eagles flying high with £800k boost



From left, Lee Small, club secretary, Keith Marks, club chairman; Ross Ensor, Kewford's U8's manager who was chosen to cover a stretch of the Olympic Torch relay, with Brett Woodall and Lynn Boleyn, charity trustees

GRASSROOTS sport in Wall Heath, near Stourbridge, has received a significant boost.

It follows the news that Kewford Eagles Kewford Eagles Football Club has been awarded a grant of £800,000 from the Football Foundation, the country's largest sports charity.

The funding will allow Kewford Eagles to develop 11 full-size football pitches, along with changing rooms,

toilets and car parking on 30 acres of land that it is leasing next to Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club.

Charity trustee Lynn Boleyn said: "Obviously we are very pleased to have received £800,000 from the Football Foundation towards our project."

"Work will hopefully start in the next couple of months and will be completed by Summer 2014. Kewford Eagles is predominately a children's football club based in Wall Heath. The

Club has around 500 children playing for it including boys, girls and those with disabilities and there are also senior teams.

"We are very proud of all the volunteers in our Club without whom our Club could not operate. Kewford is a Community Club providing football for all regardless of age or ability."

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Store helps Maddy



Front, Maddy Box-Poole with uncle David Rose with Pink Panther Kerri Pickett and Scooby Doo Hannah Bridgewater, back left to right, Lorraine Cooper, Maddy's sister Isobel, Councillor Qadar Zada, David's daughter Jordan Rose, and aunt Angela Bekker

FUNDRAISERS donned fancy dress at a Dudley supermarket to help bring in much-needed cash for a poorly youngster. A host of activities were organised by staff at Asda, in Netherton, after hearing the plight of five-year-old Maddy Box-Poole from Tividale.

She was joined by her uncle David Rose to meet the fundraisers herself during the event. Crews from Cradley Heath fire station held a sponsored car wash while staff manned cake stalls.

Organiser Lorraine Cooper, who works at the store, in Saltwells Road, devised the plan.

"The customers have been brilliant," she said.

Maddy suffers from Batten Disease, a degenerative disorder of the nervous system. Cash raised will help pay for her family to take her for treatment in America.

A STOURBRIDGE man was one of two caught stealing drain covers off waste land in the town after an anonymous tip-off, a court heard.

One of them was a 72-year-old who claimed he was collecting aluminium beer cans from waste land when the other man, who is from Stourbridge, asked if he could load them onto his trailer.

Pensioner Ivan Allen, of Avenue Road, Blackheath, admitted stealing the drain covers and Dudley magistrates gave him a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered him to pay £85 costs.

In a case heard separately, Mark Bilsby, aged 48, of Trinity Road, Stourbridge, also admitted the theft. Sentencing was adjourned until August 17 for reports after the court heard his record included a total of 50 previous convictions involving 108 offences, many of them for dishonesty.

Consent

He was allowed bail on condition he does not go into any derelict building or industrial premises or on to an industrial estate without consent.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said police received an anonymous call saying two men were stealing drain covers and were on waste land off Lowndes Road, Stourbridge.

When they arrived the police found one of the drain covers on a trailer belonging to Allen. Mr Cooper said that Bilsby told officers: "I've just got a bit of scrap."

He said the holes left by the removed drain covers were then made safe.

Mr Michael Davies, defending Bilsby, said: "This kind of offence is quite prevalent in the West Midlands area and senior courts have made certain comments, which aggravates the seriousness of these offences."

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During the evening the committee served members with savouries and cakes. The ladies enjoyed 'pass the parcel' with lots of hidden surprises, a quiz with a royal theme and guess the names of the baby photographs.

The competition had encouraged everyone to make and wear a crown or tiara and the evening ended with the National Anthem and a toast to the Queen.

In July, Paul Betterton entertained members with an illustrated talk entitled 'The Titanic Story: The dream began nightmare, the nightmare began a legend.' He told of strange happenings and premonitions before the sailing, discouraging some sailors and passengers from embarking. It was a very interesting and comprehensive story with many questions still remaining unanswered 100 years later.

August events include the president's garden party and a trip to Malvern Theatre to see Noel Coward's play Volcano. Members also enjoyed art and craft, lunch visits, poetry, bridge and walking.

At the next meeting on September 18, 7.30pm at Stourton village hall David

Happy afternoon for all at 'big tea' event



Inner Wheel Club president Janet Weston with Carl & Gill Downing together with the President of Sedgley & Wombourne Rotary Club Rotarian Tony Brown

INNER WHEEL CLUB SEDGLEY & WOMBOURNE

ON JULY 7 the Inner Wheel club of Sedgley & Wombourne held a Marie Curie 'Big Tea Party' at the home of Gill and Carl Downing. The sun came out and a happy afternoon

was enjoyed by all the guests. Delicious teas and cakes were served and Sainsbury's sponsored the event by providing jam and cream for the home made scones.

History of postal service

AT THE July meeting Chris Jackson spoke about the "Postal History of Worcestershire".

He explained the history of the postal service from 1635 when Charles I opened up the Royal Mail for public use.

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from the capital. Letters were paid for by the recipient and not the sender.

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in 1661. Rowland Hill, born in Kidderminster, showed an interest in postal reform. In January 1840 he was given a two-year contract to run the new system and introduced the penny post.

Progress of the postal service and the introduction of the automation in later years is the subject of a further talk.

The next speaker on August 6 is Mark Hannan on "Antiques at Auction".

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OUT AND ABOUT

Sherlock investigates a Victorian town mystery

AMATEUR sleuths can meet Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson when they return to Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire's Ironbridge Gorge for the Detectives' Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5.

The intrepid duo and their housekeeper Mrs Hudson, from 221b Baker Street in London, will arrive at the Shropshire town in a Hansom Cab drawn by a pair of horses. Meet them outside the Print Shop at 12noon and 2pm and hear more about the mystery from the famous detective and his side-kick, and maybe offer some crime busting suggestions of your own.

You can also follow a trail of clues around the open-air museum and put your powers of deduction to the test as you search for lost objects – anyone finding all the missing items can collect a small reward from the Post Office.

Blists Hill is also set to greet town criers from across Britain who will be taking part in the fourth annual Town Crier Competition at the location near Ironbridge at 11.30am on Sunday, August 12.

The reigning champion from Banbury, who has won the past two years, will be aiming to retain his title for a



Is a shocking discovery in store for Holmes and Watson as part of the fun activities at Ironbridge Gorge's Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire this weekend?

further year. With many dressed in elaborate robes with tricorn hats, they will make quite a spectacle.

They traditionally ring a handbell as they shout the words "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!", which is a call for silence before announcements.

Taking place on the last day of the town's Blacksmith weekend, the theme

for this year's event is aptly 'blacksmiths'. The prizes will be made in Blists Hill's own foundry and will be presented at 2pm.

Shrewsbury's Town Crier Martin Wood will be running the competition – standing at 7ft 2 inches tall, the gentle giant is also the world's tallest crier. Open 10am to 5pm Blists Hill is one of the

Ironbridge Gorge Museums. An annual passport allows entry to all ten museums, valid for 12 months with unlimited return visits, costing £23.25 (adult), £18.75 (60 plus), £15.25 (student/children) and £64 for a family of two adults and their children aged up to 18 in full time education, under 5s free.

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What's On! Stourbridge

Sounds of 70s and 80s at gig

AN alternative 70s and 80s band will be playing in Stourbridge tomorrow night (Friday).

The Boys from Next Door promise a night to remember when they play at the River Rooms, in Mill Race Lane. The band is described as being a cover band with a difference.

The songs they play include hits by The Jam, The Specials, The Undertones and The Police.

The performance will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £7, are available from the box office on 01384 397177.

Music and art in free festival

MUSIC, dance and drama will be performed at a free festival being held for the first time in Stourbridge. SMARTfest will take place from August 10 to 12.

On the Friday an art trail and poetry event will be held at the town's Ryemarke Shopping Centre. Musical events will be held at the town hall, in Market Street, from 2pm to 8pm on the Saturday and the event will culminate with a variety show at the same venue on the Sunday.

Share antics

WEST Midlands-based Animal Antics will show off snakes and spiders in the centre of Stourbridge on August 10. A circus skills workshop for would-be jugglers and plate spinners will be on August 31.

Stone Roses return to join The Killers as V headliners

TENS of thousands of music fans will descend on Staffordshire later this month for the 17th annual V Festival.

American rockers The Killers make a welcome return to Weston Park to headline this year's two-day pop and rock bonanza alongside Manchester's comeback kings The Stone Roses, who are due to appear at V for the first time.

Ben will be Jesus at NIA

WINNER of TV show Superstar Ben Forster will take the starring role in Birmingham when Jesus Christ Superstar comes to the NIA on October 4 and on its newly announced additional NIA date of October 5.

Forster will play the leading role in the first ever UK arena tour of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical from the 1970s.

He will join Aussie comedian and musician Tim Minchin as Judas Iscariot,

former Spice Girl and Superstar judge Melanie C as Mary Magdalene and outgoing Radio 1 breakfast DJ Chris Moyles as King Herod. Tickets cost from £45 to £65 (plus fees). Call 0844 338 8000.

Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Snow Patrol, Timi Tempah, Example, Nicki Minaj, Ed Sheeran and David Guetta have been lined up for the popular festival, which takes place on August 18 and 19.

Also on the bill are The Happy Mondays, Tom Jones, James Morrison, Rizzle Kicks, The Enemy, Pixie Lott, Keane, Nero and Madness.

Comedy

Dozens of acts will be spread across four stages while the Glee Club Comedy Tent – being headlined by top stand-ups Sean Lock and Tim Minchin – returns.

The Stone Roses, fronted by V favourite Ian Brown, are set to attract a big crowd having reunited last year following a 15-year hiatus.

Tickets are still available see www.vfestival.com/tickets for details.



Former Oasis man Noel Gallagher bring his High Flying Birds to the V Festival

Apocalyptic concert for rocker Slash

SLASH, English-born guitarist with American band Guns N' Roses, is coming to Birmingham NIA on October 9 follows the success of Slash's second solo album, Apocalyptic Love. It followed the Staffordshire-raised rocker's 2010 debut album Slash and his first live solo album Made In Stoke 24/7/11.

Lydon

Tickets will be on sale from 9am tomorrow (Friday) priced at £32 (plus fees) available online from www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 338 8000.

Meanwhile, former Sex Pistols frontman John Lydon brings his new-look Public Image Ltd to Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall tonight (Friday). Tickets are £25. Call 0870 320 700.

Join haunt for castle ghosts

VISITORS to Dudley Castle can go in search of ghouls and ghosts at the latest in a series of popular night-time events. The latest supper and ghost hunt takes place on August 11 from 7.30pm to 3am.

Visitors will work in small groups but can also go alone in certain areas. As midnight approaches everyone will join together for a seance in the area of the site that has been identified as "most active".

Tickets for the event, arranged by Haunted Happenings, cost £59. For more information call 01527451873.

Hall to be venue for all-stars band

PAUL Drakeley and his All-Stars Band will perform at Himley Hall on August 5 from 2.30pm as part of a programme of gigs across the Dudley borough.

The group will perform music from Big Band favourites such as Glenn Miller and Artie Shaw. The band has performed at venues across the world.

Enjoy past times

RESIDENTS can relive the 80s when a live band performs on Saturday. The band, 80s Sensations, performs at the River Rooms, in Mill Race Lane, from 7.30pm. Artists covered include Spandau Ballet, Duran Duran and Wham! Tickets are priced at £8

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6.00 Olympic Breakfast. A round-up of national and international news. **8.45** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain looks back over one of the opening events of day eight of the Games, as the women's triathlon takes place in and around Hyde Park from 9.00. **11.20** Olympics 2012. The concluding rowing finals and the start of the men's 100m athletics. **1.00** BBC News: Regional News. **1.15** Olympics 2012. Chris Bathie introduces further coverage of Super Saturday, which includes the women's tennis singles final and the women's trampoline final. **5.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **5.15** Olympics 2012. The latest track cycling finals.

6.50 **Olympics 2012.** Gary Lineker introduces a busy evening of events at the Olympic Stadium. The full schedule features the men's 400m hurdles semi-finals from **7.00**, women's discus final **7.20**, men's 100m semi-finals from **7.35** and final at **9.55**, men's long jump final from **7.55**, women's 400m semi-finals from **8.05**, heptathlon 800m at **8.35** and the men's 10,000m final at **9.15**. **10.10** BBC News: Weather. **10.30** The National Lottery: Saturday Night Draws. **10.40** Olympics Tonight. Gabby Logan and Adele are back on the eighth day's events at the London Games, and present live coverage of the sports still taking place, featuring men's boxing and basketball.

12.00 BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sports. Dan Walker presents a final round-up of the eighth day's events at London 2012. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** Film: Fort Apache. (1948) **2.20** Film: The Fall of the Roman Empire. (1964) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **6.00** Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo investigates parallel 'roads' etched in the side of Glen Roy. (R) **6.30** Flog It! The team visits Leicestershire, where valuable finds include a pair of William Morris vases, a Shelley tea set and a Moorcroft vase. (R) **7.30** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring's men acquire a boat, planning to use it for coastal patrols, but they get lost in fog and believe they have crossed the Channel and may finally reach dry land. (R) **8.00** BBC Proms 2012. From the Royal Albert Hall, London, conductor Hervé Niquet leads Le Concert Spirituel in performances of Handel's Water Music and the Music for the Royal Fireworks. Presented by Katie Derham. **9.20** QI. With Bill Bailey, Rich Hall and Alexander Armstrong. (R) **9.50** TOTP2: Summertime Special. Archive summer sounds, featuring songs by the Undertones, Bananarama, Bay City Rollers, Fun Boy Three, the Style Council, Martha and the Muffins, Bryan Adams, Girls Aloud and Elton. (R) National Lottery Update.

10.50 Film: Little Voice. (1998) Comedy drama, starring Jane Horrocks. **12.20** Film: The Boys and Girl from County Clare. (2003) **1.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **10.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Royal Inseparables of New York City. **12.20** TV News: Weather. **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.30** Film: All Creatures Great and Small. (1975) **3.10** Film: Moonraker. (1979) James Bond spy adventure, stars Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programme - Weather. **5.45** CITV News: Weather. **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. A former policeman helps Miss Marple investigate a series of suspicious deaths in a peaceful village. Murder master stars Julia McKenzie and Benedict Cumberbatch. (R) **6.30** Midsomer Murders. Barnaby investigates the world of Midsomer Priory when a nun is found strangled, and uncovers a mystery involving holy orders, teenage visitors and missing antique silver. (R) **10.10** ITV News: Weather. **10.20** Mad Mad World. Stacey Solomon, Emma Holmes and Stephen K Amos are the guests joining Rufus Hound, Rhys Darby and regular panellist Rob Rouse for the comedy quiz presented by Paddy McGuinness. **11.00** Take Me Out. A construction worker, a fitness trainer, an accountant and a personnel recruiter try to impress 30 women, and last week's couple go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R) **12.15** The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.15** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** British F3. **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - Hannah Cockroft. (R) **8.30** The Voice UK 2012 - The Paralympic Show. (R) **9.20** T4: The Morning Line. **9.30** T4: Ibiza Rocks: Kasabian. (R) **9.40** T4: The Dark Knight Rises: T4 Movie Special. **9.55** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.25** T4: Revenge. **11.25** T4: Movie Special. **11.55** T4: Summer Daze. **12.20** T4: Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.35** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.15** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 - David Smith Part II. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.20** Come Dine with Me. Duncan Powell hosts the final dinner party in Newport, Gwent. (R) **6.45** Channel 4 News. **7.15** 4Thought.TV. **7.20** The Million Pound Drop. Made in Chelsea's Hugo and Binky continue from last night, followed by Frankie Dettori and Alan Titchmarsh, who get to see the categories and then decide who they want to answer it. **9.00** Film: Fracture. (2007) Premiere. A man shoots his wife, confesses the crime, and then disappears in court, while his lawyer demolishes the prosecution's case. Thriller, with Anthony Hopkins and Ryan Gosling. **11.15** Film: Heat. (1995) Crime thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. **2.15** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **3.45** Channel 4 Presents - London 2012 - David Smith Part II. (R) **4.50** Happy Endings. **4.10** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.55** Sali Mali. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** The Mentalist. (R) **11.20** Brother: The Evolution. (R) **11.20** Film: McBride: Fallen Idol. (2006) **2.00** Talking to Heaven. (R) **5.15** Film: Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise. (2006) **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. **8.00** NCIS. The agents try to recapture a marine who escaped from a psychiatric unit. They are convinced he is suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, but they uncover a dark secret. (R) **9.00** Big Brother. Marcus Bentley narrates as the housemates lie in their beds on the sofa and queue in the kitchen – all to give the viewing public something to talk about tomorrow. **10.10** CSI: Miami. Ryan and Walter investigate a killing at a trailer park, but suffer a major setback when Fernando hits the same scene, blowing away vital evidence – including the corpse. **11.10** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A man covered from head to toe with hair, a condition dubbed "human werewolf syndrome", is found murdered, and the investigators discover a surprise witness at the scene. (R) **12.20** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Round Guide to East Escapades. **5.00** Home's Delight. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **11.25** 30 Days of Night (2007) **E4** **4.05** Inspector Morse. **6.25** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966). **8.20** Film: Carry On Camping (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James. **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. **ITV4** **3.20** The Sweeney. **4.25** Film: The Battle of Midway (1976). **7.00** Film: 613 Squadron (1964). **9.00** Film: Rocky (1976) Oscar-winning drama, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.25** Film: Ned Kelly (2003) **E** **3.00** Desperate Housewives. **4.00** Revenge. **5.00** How I Met Your Mother. **6.00** The Big Bang Theory. **7.30** Rules of Engagement. **8.30** Suburgatory. **9.00** Film: Hot Rod (2007). **10.45** The Big Bang Theory. **11.45** The Midnight Beast. **Film4** **2.50** Carry On Cabby (1963). **4.40** Mad Dogs (2008). **6.25** The Great Debate (2007). **9.25** PS Love (2007). **2007** Romantic drama, starring Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler. **11.25** 30 Days of Night (2007)

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What's On!**SUNDAY'S TV 5.08.12****CHOICE**

Ed Clancy

BBC1

6.00 Olympic Breakfast. A round-up of national and international news. **9.00** Olympics 2012. Coverage of the London 2012 sports day of the Games. **10.45** BBC News. **10.50** Olympics 2012. The women's marathon. Clare Balding and Tanni Grey-Thompson present coverage from the streets of London. With commentary by Steve Cram and Brendan Foster.

1.30 Olympics 2012. More cycling introduces coverage of the first-ever women's Olympic boxing bout, the conclusion of the men's Finn class sailing and the men's singles tennis final. **4.00** Olympics 2012. The men's singles tennis final and track cycling sprint races. **5.35** BBC News.

6.00 **Olympics 2012.** The conclusion of the men's Omnium track cycling, with the 1km time-trial deciding the destination of the medals from 6.16. The time-trial is the last of six disciplines that make up the Omnium and Britain will be looking to Ed Clancy here as a real hope for team GB for success in an event that was not included in the 2008 Games, which took place in Beijing. Presented by Sue Barker alongside Jake Humphrey, with commentary provided by Hugh Porter alongside Chris Boardman, and trackside reports coming from Jill Douglas.

10.15 BBC News

10.40 Olympics Tonight.

12.00 BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Caterpillar. **12.00** Film: Buchanan Rides Alone. (1958) **1.50** Olympics 2012. The opening artistic gymnastics apparatus finals. **4.30** Great British Railway Journeys. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.20** Olympics 2012. The women's track cycling sprint races.

6.00 A History of Ancient Britain Special: Orkney's Stone Age Temple. Neil Oliver reports on a recently discovered 5,000-year-old temple on Orkney, which is helping to reveal more about the Neolithic people. (R)

7.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit Tatton Park in Cheshire, where the keepers and collectors up for valuation include some of the rarest known pieces of Royal Worcester porcelain. (R)

8.00 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. New series. Ken Hom and Ching He-Huang set out on a culinary trek across the country, beginning in Beijing by visiting its markets and learning locals' traditional cooking methods.

9.00 The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World. Nocturnal creatures in a flooded Amazon forest.

10.00 Film: Edge of Darkness. (2010) Premier. Thriller, starring Mel Gibson.

11.45 Film: Judgment Night. (1948) Thriller, starring Emilio Estevez.

1.30 Sign Zone: Holly City. (R)

2.30 Britain's Heritage Heroes. (R)

3.00 Real Rescues. (R) **3.45** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's a Guest in Her Room. **11.30** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.25** ITV News: Weather. **12.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **1.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **2.30** Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game. (1993) **4.25** Doc Martin. (R) **5.25** Doc Martin. (R)

6.25 Regional Programme: Weather.

6.40 ITV News: Weather.

7.00 The Zoo. Part two of two.

The programme reveals how the keepers entertain the 1.5 million visitors to the Zoological Society of London receives annually.

8.00 A Touch of Frost. Part one of two. David Jason is joined by guests Phyllis Logan and Adrian Dunbar for his last-ever turn as Jack Frost, investigating a suspected killer and the murder of a teenager. (R)

10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather.

10.15 The Briefs. Two-part documentary exploring the world of criminal law, with access to one of Britain's leading legal-aid practices. A man is on trial for blackmailing Coleen Rooney. (R)

11.20 Partnership Rugby Sevens Series. Action from the Recreation Ground in Bath, as the winners and runners-up from the three groups competed in two more pools, before the top two sides contested the final.

12.15 The Story: ITV News. Headlines. **2.15** Good Girls. Game show hosted by Jasper Carrott. (R) **3.05** Motorsport UK. **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Intelligent Sport UK. **7.25** Film: The 25th Hour. **7.45** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **8.25** Castle Farm. (R) **8.50** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bertie and Bob's Great Adventure. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Epis. **7.55** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Botts Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Robert Bunting. (R) **9.00** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jolly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** Legend of Korra. (R) **11.45** Big Brother. (R) **12.55** Film: Daleks' Invasion Earth: 2150 AD. (1966) **2.35** Film: Police Academy 6: City Under Siege. (1989) **4.00** Film: The Karate Kid. (1984)

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7.00 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa.

8.00 Once Upon a Time. Mr Gold continues to know August's true identity.

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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. **6.25** City of Dreams. **6.45** Film: The Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bertie and Bob's Great Adventure. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Epis. **7.55** Milkshake! Show Challenges. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Botts Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Robert Bunting. (R) **9.00** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Jolly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.00** Legend of Korra. (R) **11.45** Big Brother. (R) **12.55** Film: Daleks' Invasion Earth: 2150 AD. (1966) **2.35** Film: Police Academy 6: City Under Siege. (1989) **4.00** Film: The Karate Kid. (1984)

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DIGITAL

BBC Three
9.00am Olympics 2012 **2.00pm** Olympics 2012 **7.00pm** Olympics 2012

BBC Four
7.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin
8.00 Frank Skinner on George Formby. **9.00** The Road to Coronation Street. **10.20** Timeshift: Epic. **A Cast of Thousands!** **11.20** Shakespeare from Kabul

ITV2
3.10 Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) **5.25** Film: The Flintstones (1994) **7.15** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007)

9.00 Bendimon **10.00** The Only Way is Essex. **10.45** Lemon La Vida Loca **11.30** Film: American Pie Presents: Beta Camp (2005)

ITV3

3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal **5.10** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1968) **7.05** Film: Arthur (1981) **9.00** Film: Psycho (1960)

11.30 Trial & Retribution

E4

2.30 Film: The Gunfight at Dodge City (1959) **4.15** Film: Spartacus (1960) **8.00** Premiership Rugby

Sevens **9.00** Film: The Enforcer (1976) **11.00** Film: Bride of Chucky (1998)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Red Sonja, Channel 5, 10.55pm

A female warrior resolves to stop an evil queen unleashing the destructive power of a magical orb that allows control of the elements, and make the malevolent monarch pay for murdering her family. Fantasy adventure, starring Brigitte Nielsen. (1985)

TUESDAY

Jungle Book, Channel 4, 1.05pm

A teenager raised by wolves returns to the village where he was born. He relearns human ways, but after a while decides to return to his old jungle home and reunite with his animal friends to help foil a greedy merchant's evil scheme. Adventure, based on Rudyard Kipling's classic novel, starring Sabu. (1942)

The Island, ITV1, 10.35pm

The naive survivors of an apparent ecological disaster work, rest and play inside their utopian sealed community in the year 2019, each hoping to win a ticket to an idyllic island in a regular lottery draw. However, a curious inhabitant discovers the restricted society is a facade shielding a sinister cloning operation and is determined to escape. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson. (2005)



The Bourne Ultimatum, Friday, ITV1, 10.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Dead Calm, ITV1, 10.35pm

A husband and wife take a yachting trip to help recover from the death of their son. While out on the open water the couple spot a sinking ship and manage to save the only person left on board – but they come to bitterly regret their good deed when the situation turns dark and a fraught battle of wits ensues. Thriller, with Sam Neill. (1989)

THURSDAY

Meet Me in St Louis, Channel 4, 12.55pm

A job offer tempts a banker to consider uprooting his close-knit family and moving to New York. However, his wife and children struggle with the prospect of leaving their friends behind, and are horrified when they realise they might miss out on the 1904 St Louis World's Fair. Musical, starring Judy Garland. (1944)

FRIDAY

The Bourne Ultimatum, ITV1, 10.35pm

Amnesiac rogue assassin Jason Bourne's long-buried memories are reawakened by a British journalist researching the secret organisation who were responsible for transforming him into a killing machine. Meanwhile, a ruthless CIA director becomes convinced Bourne is still a high security risk, and plans to dispose of him once and for all. Third instalment of the spy thriller series, starring Matt Damon. (2007)

Pick of the Week

Noteworthy success of a smash-hit team

In 1984, after meeting Mike Stock and Matt Aitken, train-loving DJ, songwriter and music producer Pete Waterman thought they would make a winning team. To say he was on the money is something of an understatement. New documentary **The Hit Factory: The Stock Aitken and Waterman Story**, Monday, ITV1, 9pm looks back on Britain's most successful pop producers, with the aid of their greatest hits.

One of its greatest successes was Kylie Minogue. Now the star who proved she was more than just a pretty face, I Should Be So Lucky launched her music career and kick-started a wave of Aussie soap stars trying their hands at chart stardom. Dead or Alive enjoyed lucrative success, thanks to SAW's dance-floor filler You Spin Me Round, while established celebs such as Simon, Cliff Richard and the late Tony Blair, were all influenced from the Miras touch of Matt and Pete. The trio went on to score more than 100 top 40 hits, and one of their biggest successes was with a man who witnessed their rise to fame, Rick Astley.

"I met Pete Waterman very early on when I was about 19, and I watched their company, Stock, Aitken and Waterman and everything go from just kind of hanging on by the skin of their teeth to becoming the biggest producers in Europe really quickly," says Rick. "I think that around the time when they were just starting to crack it, they were just beginning to have hit records, that's when I signed to them. I had no clue who they were."

Thanks to his hit single Never Gonna Give You Up, Rick was transformed from jobbing musician to overnight superstar. Aside from landing the number one slot 25 years ago (where it stayed for five weeks), and became the best selling UK single of 1987, it also topped the charts in 25 countries, including the United States. The video, helmed by SAW's own S2, Steps to Nowhere, was broadcast all over the world, but more recently the song received a new lease of life thanks to the Internet phenomena of 'Rickrolling'.

Five years ago some wag thought it would be a good idea to post misleading Internet links which would re-direct viewers to Astley's classic tune.

They say there's no such thing as bad publicity, and in an age when the world started warming to instantly downloadable music, it wasn't long before one of Stock Aitken and Waterman's most famous tracks had achieved a new lease of life.

In 2012 the trio may be comfortably well off, but in the early days Rick wondered whether the company would survive. "I'm not saying they were talking about how they were going to pay the studio rent, but it felt like that at times," he laughs. "They were building something, and then a year-and-a-half later they'd got five records in the top 40 all the time." The rest, as they say, is pop history.

Aside from contributions from Pete Waterman, this show narrated by Suranne Jones, also features Simon Cowell, Sinitta, Jason Donovan, Pete Burns, Sonia, Lamont Dozier, Kim Appleby and Steps.



Pete Waterman features in The Hit Factory: The Stock Aitken and Waterman Story, Monday, ITV1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Olympics Tonight, BBC1, 10.40pm

Gabby Logan and guests look back on day 10 at the London Games, and present live coverage of the sports still taking place. These include the men's basketball group match between Argentina and hot favourites for the gold medal USA, and the men's super heavyweight boxing quarter-finals. The review of today's action includes a look at the women's artistic gymnastics, including the women's uneven bars discipline, which should have featured three-time world champion Beth Tweddle chasing the Olympic glory that had eluded her so far in her career. There were also high hopes for Team GB at the Olympic Stadium today, with world champion Dai Greene likely to be in contention in the men's 400m hurdles final.

TUESDAY

Trash to Treasure, ITV1, 7.30pm

These days, ITV1 has a habit of airing documentaries that are just as much entertainment as they informative - this latest one not being any exception. Alas, all good things must come to an end and in the penultimate episode of the series, new boss of Ribble Reclamation has his work cut out in trying to convince Dale that merging his demolition business with the yard will see the big bucks rolling in. Meanwhile, festival organizer Sophie has an unusual request of Trev and Lee at Beeston Reclamation, which leaves the brothers with no choice but to approach a rival supplier.

World's Tallest Towers

Channel 5, 8pm

It's a surreal sight standing a few feet from the Washington monument. The 150-foot patchwork quilt of bricks at the first section – the point where the money ran out in 1854 – followed by the rest of the sand-coloured obelisk is a sight to behold. Washington DC's iconic needle is just one of the structures featured in this one-off show, which also charts the construction of Canton Tower in Guangzhou, China. The programme-makers reveal how a series of engineering breakthroughs made it possible. We see how advanced fire-fighting equipment protects the Chinese landmark against blazes, and cameras also focus on Paris' Eiffel Tower and Canada's CN Tower.

WEDNESDAY

Olympics 2012, BBC1, 7pm

Gary Lineker introduces this evening's athletics schedule at the Olympic Stadium. Having been born in east London, Perri Shakes-Drayton is very much a local favourite, and will surely be spurred on by the crowd if she has reached the 400m hurdles final. She went into the Games in good form, having recently run a new personal best at Crystal

Palace that made her the second fastest Brit of all time behind 1992 Olympic gold medallist Sally Gunnell. However, the likes of Jamaicans Kaliese Spencer and Melaine Walker may still be too quick for her.

SuperScrippers

Channel 4, 8pm

The Government's latest figures show that we're in the longest double-dip recession for 50 years, so we're all having to be that little bit more careful and tighten our belts. But does saving money have to be dull? Of course not! Here,

Financial Times columnist Mrs Moneypenny provides more cash-saving tips, tonight showing viewers how to save on childcare costs and rented accommodation.

Meanwhile, Daily Telegraph retail editor Harry Wallop highlights some of the pitfalls associated with

buying a used car as he comes to the rescue of a couple whose second-hand motor wouldn't even start. And two best friends from Manchester take on the £50 Challenge as they limit their grocery spending and fit out their dream home.

THURSDAY

Olympics 2012, BBC1, 7pm

Gary Lineker presents this evening's athletics action from the Olympic Stadium, where Jamaicans Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake are expected to blitz it out again in the 200m final. Bolt broke Michael Johnson's long-standing world record at the 2008 Games, and has since lowered that time even further in the following year's World Championships. However, he could face stiff opposition from Blake, who became the second-fastest man in history over the distance last year and further staked his credentials when beating Bolt at the 100m and 200m in the Jamaican trials.

FRIDAY

Olympics 2012, BBC1, 7pm

Gary Lineker resumes presenting duties once again for the penultimate night of athletics at the Olympic Stadium. If she has progressed this far, Great Britain's Hannah England will be hopeful of winning a medal in the women's 1500m final, having finished second in the World Championships last year. Her chances of at least matching that achievement were increased when pre-Games favourite Mariem Alauqi Selsooli was banned after testing positive for a banned substance. Should they have reached the final, there will also be hopes of a Team GB medal in the final of the men's 4x400m relay, although the USA will go into the race as hot favourites.

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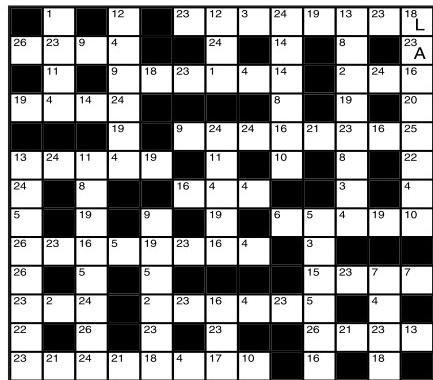
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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	S	F	T	Y	L	J	K	U	X	P	W
14	B	G	C	H	E	V	Z	O	D	N	A

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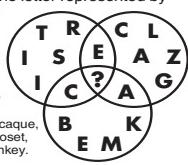
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Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 The letter represented by the question mark is M. Macaque, mandrill, marmoset, all types of monkey.

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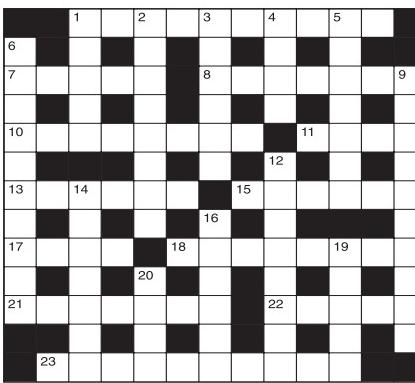
Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:**Across**

- Objects needed for the stage production are toys (10)
- & 7 Dn. Aircraft schedules of use to surveyors (5-6)
- See 7 Across
- Doing no work - it sounds like the image one may wish to cherish (4)
- Most solemn off-white underwear, we hear (7)
- Defenders who present a sorry story? (10)
- Name the exploits that prove right of possession (5-5)
- A business agreement for a kind of bridge (8)
- Wanton rush - I go all over the place (7)
- No free man would be held to this (6)
- They man ships for a sea-trip, one hears (5)
- Shows contempt for aurora australis! (7)
- Put right guys in the advertisement (5)
- Inflicts a defeat on the board (10)

Down

- Sea-dweller seen coming back in brown war-paint (5)
- Strong dislike for a certain rendering (8)
- 10 Across
- Done
- Most lewd off-white underwear, we hear (7)
- Defenders who present a sorry story? (10)
- Name the exploits that prove right of possession (5-5)
- A business agreement for a kind of bridge (8)
- Wanton rush - I go all over the place (7)
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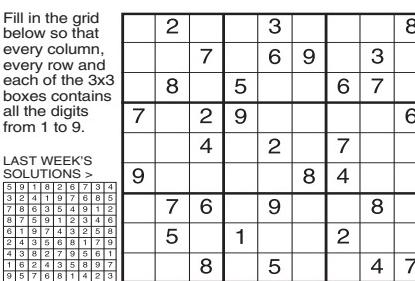
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 CRYPTIC - Across: 6 Staying; 7 Moron; 9 Act; 10 Merriment; 12 Boxing-glove; 15 Disorganise; 17 Gem-cutter; 19 Imp; 21 Trips; 22 Witness. Down: 1 Stock; 2 Eye; 3 Anne; 4 Formalist; 5 Connive; 8 Origin; 11 Horoscope; 13 Ingots; 14 Firearm; 16 Smash; 18 Evil; 20 One. QUICK - Across: 6 Attempt; 7 Bogus; 9 Din; 10 Exonerate; 12 New Year's Eve; 15 Dead certain; 17 Elucidate; 19 Roe; 21 Unite; 22 Acrobat. Down: 1 Strip; 2 Let; 3 Apex; 4 Courship; 5 Furture; 8 Intact; 11 Mendacity; 13 Yields; 14 Telling; 16 Total; 18 Tact; 20 Row.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	9	1	8	2	6	7	3	4
3	2	4	1	9	7	6	8	5
7	8	6	3	5	4	9	1	2
8	7	5	4	2	1	6	9	3
6	1	3	9	7	4	3	2	5
2	4	3	5	6	8	1	7	9
4	3	8	2	7	9	5	6	1
1	6	2	4	3	5	8	9	7
9	5	7	6	8	1	4	2	3



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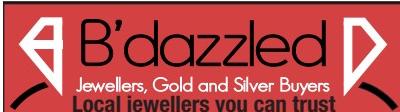
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This 1830s semi-detached cottage in Kinver has been carefully restored

A BEAUTIFULLY presented and painstakingly restored semi-detached character cottage in Kinver is on the market priced at £229,950.

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Set back behind a wide gravelled driveway suitable for three cars the porch entrance leads into a reception hall with guest cloakroom featuring a high flush Victorian style suite.

An outstanding feature of the property is the brick inglenook fireplace in the lounge with tiled hearth and log burner, with exposed timber beams to the ceiling and over the fireplace.

Wardrobes

The lounge, 17ft 3in by 11ft 1in, leads through to a separate sitting room with an exposed brick fireplace while the kitchen - 10ft 9in by 10ft 6in - has handmade oak cabinets, two white enamelled Belfast sinks and range cooker in a brick surround.

On the first floor the master bedroom has a range of built-in wardrobes with solid oak doors and there are two other bedrooms, one with an en-suite shower cubicle.

Flagstone

The house bathroom has a freestanding claw foot bath set on a flagstone plinth as well as a pedestal wash basin and high cistern WC.

Outside the level rear gardens have a paved patio area leading onto a lawn with timber decked area to the rear as well as a greenhouse and log store.

Kinver itself has a wide range of amenities and is a sought after location for commuters to Stourbridge and the wider West Midlands conurbation.

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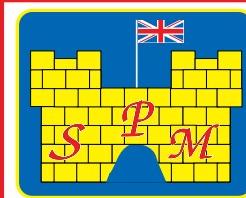
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Excess

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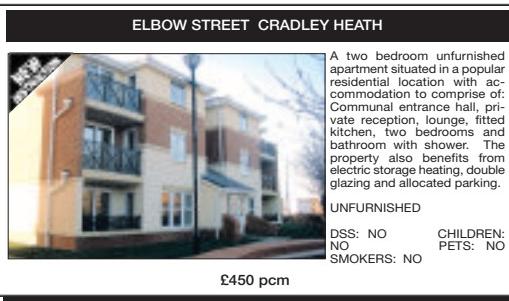
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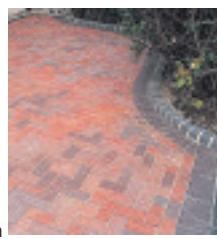
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Chess ends in draw as time runs out for pair

DON CURRY forced a draw against top player Jeremy Fallowfield in the latest round of Stourbridge Chess Club's summer tournament.

Curry was not intimidated and played strong attacking chess to put Fallowfield under pressure.

This resulted in Fallowfield miscalculating a combination and losing a bishop for two pawns.

With both players starting to get short of time on the clock, Curry offered a draw, which was accepted.

The two are joint leaders on three points going into the last round.

Other games also ended in draws.

Ricky Brookes played a brilliant knight sacrifice against Julie Wilson, but then misplayed the attack in what should have been a won position and lost the exchange.

Wilson then offered a draw which was accepted.

Colin Woodall played a long game against Tony Taylor in which neither player could gain an advantage.

An even rook and two pawns endgame brought the inevitable draw.

Anyone interested in joining the club should phone Dave Scriven on 01384 423642.

Alternatively, visit the website www.stourbridgechess.f9.co.uk for more details.

Heathens skipper on a high

DUDLEY skipper Adam Roynon is hitting the speedway heights.

The Heathens star finished equal eighth in the British final on Dudley's borrowed home track, Monmore Green.

Roynon notched seven points, signing off with a fine race win.

But it could have been even better for the Cumbrian, who had to retire from second place in another of his rides.

And he had further cause for celebration with a call-up to the Great Britain team due to ride against Australia in a Test match at Poole last night following an injury withdrawal.

Scott Nicholls won the British final from Coventry team-mate Chris Harris.

Wolves star Tai Woffinden finished third.



Winners Rebecca Randle, left, and Jo Billingham with Shifnal Golf Club ladies' captain Ann Butler, centre

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Fighting spirit

Stourbridge cricketers battle back for draw
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Envile pair in ladies' final

A WINNING Envile Golf Club pair have qualified for the grand final of the Ladies' Golf Union Coronation Foursomes at the home of golf, St Andrews.

Jo Billingham and Rebecca Randle, representing Envile in Staffordshire, won on 40 points on countback over the last six holes from Marie Parry and Karen Darby, the Herefordshire, also on 40 points at Shifnal Golf Club.

Third were Chris Wilson and Pam Etchingham, Lutterworth, Leicester, on 39 points.

It was the culmination of qualifying rounds played in clubs throughout

Golf

Great Britain and Northern Ireland Qualifiers could nominate their area final from 16 venues, and, with only one pair going forward from each area final to the grand final in September at the famous Scottish course, competition was fierce for a place at this popular Shropshire club.

More than 100 clubs nominated Shifnal as their first choice venue from as far as Cornwall, Wales, Cheshire, Lincolnshire and from most Midland counties.

Shropshire was well represented with 15 clubs but that did not bring success. Even Shifnal's representatives, Sue Howse and Rita Fenwick, found the course exacting.

David Guy, captain, had welcomed the competitors, saying that he was very proud that Shifnal should be hosting the Coronation Foursomes Area Final for the LGU in this Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

Bridget Jackson, Vice-President of the LGU, thanked Shifnal Golf Club on behalf of the LGU and presented a commemorative plaque.

Glassboys get good testing by Olympic

**Rushall Olympic 0
Stourbridge 0**

THIS friendly was a good test for the Glassboys against a team playing at the same level but chances were at a premium as both sides exchanged each other out for long spells.

The first chance of note came in the 29th minute for Stourbridge with Stuart Hendrie laying the ball back to James Dyson who drifted in a cross towards the far post where Luke Benbow sent a header wide.

Rushall responded with a corner from Grant Beckett met by Steve Abbott whose downward header was saved by Lewis Solly. Soon after, Solly was called into action again to make a save away to his right at full stretch to keep out a shot from Dave Walker.

Header

The Glassboys almost grabbed a lead in the 38th minute as Aaron Griffiths delivered a cross and Benbow stooped to get in a header that struck Chris Gemmell's right upright.

In the 64th minute Benbow tried to wriggle through the Rushall defence on the edge of the area and the ball broke to Sean Evans. His snap-shot drew a smart save from Gemmell low down to his left.

Then, with two minutes left, Dyson played a one-two with Rock before hitting an angled low shot from the left-hand side of the box that Gemmell could only parry. In trying to clear the ball, home defender Wayne Daniel smacked the ball against Rock with Gemmell having to make a fine reaction tip-over save to prevent the visitors from sneaking a late winner.

Stourbridge travel to Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday to defend their Worcestershire Senior Cup.

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COOL KRISTIAN IS A HISTORY MAKER

WOLVERHAMPTON gymnast Kristian Thomas has spoken of his joy after making history at the London 2012 Olympics.

The Wednesfield star, who trains at Earl's Gym in Halesowen, inspired Team GB's men squad to claim bronze in a day of drama at the North Greenwich Arena. It is the first time in 100 years that the men's team have taken an Olympic medal – since Stockholm in 1912 – and they almost ended up with silver.

Japan won their appeal against Kohei Uchimura's pommel horse score to take silver after Team GB initially sat second after six events with 271.711 points.

London 2012 Olympics

and after the late-night drama Thomas, who scored a brilliant 16.500 on the vault, admitted he was in dreamland.

"I keep looking down at the medal and I'm amazed. I'm lost for words," said the 23-year-old afterwards. "We've won a medal but it still hasn't sunk in."

"I'm hoping once the next week is out of the way we can relax, take a moment and realise we've achieved one of the greatest things in the history of our sport."

Special

"I'm completely overwhelmed by the experience. Hopefully in a month I can sit back and take everything in and think I really have done something special."

"It's been 18 years of hard work, blood, sweat and tears – the graft in the gym, the early mornings and the before school training. We really have given it everything in the last few years."

"Even after I finished the floor (the final event) I wasn't 100 per cent convinced we had won a medal. "Until my score came up I couldn't think 'right, we have actually done it!'"

Sam Oldham's fall on the high bar put Team GB's medal hopes in jeopardy but Thomas's 15.200 on the same apparatus and 15.433 in his floor routine sealed

the bronze. He added: "I remember looking up and not even taking Sam's fall in."

"I stuck it to the back of my head and didn't even worry about it."

"When I was chalking up for bars I just thought, 'right this is just like any other situation in the gym, it's not as big an occasion as you think.'

"I just tried to play the whole situation down and that helped," said Thomas, who also competes in the individual events.

The former St Edmund's Catholic School pupil added: "We said before the start of the competition we needed to go out there, relax and enjoy it."

"I don't know if we did enjoy it – there seemed to be more and more pressure – but the ending was fantastic."

His mother Catherine said: "It's absolutely amazing. Who'd have thought it four years ago, GB getting a men's medal in the Olympics?"

"It was unthinkable a few years ago and they have come so far in such a short time."

Wolverhampton-based judoka Gemma Howell went

out of the under-63kg category when beaten by France's European champion Gevrise Emane.

Howell was warned for being too passive and then, with just seconds remaining, was disqualified for an illegal leg wrap.

Howell, who reached the Games despite a cruciate ligament injury just nine months ago, fought hard without success and said afterwards: "I don't have any positive thoughts right now."

"Maybe when I go home and look at it again I will, but right now I am just completely gutted."

"I did not come here to fight hard, I came here to win it."

Water polo player Alex Parsonage, from Dudley, made his Olympic debut for Team GB in their 13-4 loss to Romania.

Parsonage, who plays for SV Bayer Uerdingen 08, will seldom have experienced anything like the noise level generated by supporters at Stratford.

The 5,000-strong crowd lifted their sides to a strong finish despite the defeat.

Solihull's Jake Vincent was also in the team.



Kristian Thomas celebrates after Great Britain won the bronze medal in London

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